

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were pending in the present application. Claim 6 has now been canceled. Claims 1, 15 and 16 have been amended. Claims 25-31 have been added. In light of these amendments, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

On a preliminary note, a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement which was filed with the present application is attached to this paper. An initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 was not returned with the first Office Action. The Examiner is therefore urged to include an initialed copy of the attached form with the next Office Action. Additional copies of these references will be provided to the Examiner upon request.

Claims 1-10 and 12-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,803,585 to *Littman et al.* It is respectfully submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn because *Littman et al.* do not disclose an adjustment mechanism that is operable from the external surface of the housing to cause movement of the reflector relative to the housing. In contrast, Col. 4, lines 53-57 of *Littman et al.* specifically state that

In operation, to change the direction of illumination of light fixture 10, a user grasps the edge 64 of curved wall 16 (FIGS. 2 and 4), which is provided with a lip 66 for this purpose, and pushes or pulls lamp assembly 14 until the desired direction of illumination is achieved.

As illustrated in the figures, the lip 66 is not operable from an external surface of the fixture housing box 35. Furthermore, the access plate 37 at the top of housing 36 must be removed in order to access the friction assembly 46 which is not operable from an external surface of the housing. The Examiner is therefore urged to withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

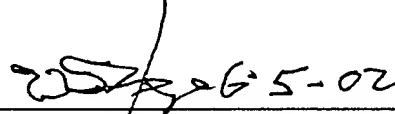
Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Littman et al.* apparently in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,852,587 to *Koehler*. The rejection appears to assert that *Littman et al.* discloses all of the claimed features except for a swivel bolt. However, the rejection fails to point out where this swivel bolt is disclosed by *Koehler* or where the references suggest combining any such swivel bolt with the subject matter disclosed in *Littman et al.* Furthermore, in addition to not disclosing a

swivel bolt, *Koehler* also fails to make up for the previously noted deficiencies with respect to *Littman et al.* The Examiner is therefore urged to also withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

New claims 25-31 recite other embodiments of the invention including various features recited in means plus function form. For example, independent claim 25 recites a lighting fixture including means, operable from an external surface of a housing, for rotating a reflector relative to the housing. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter recited in the new claims is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The Examiner is therefore urged to allow claims 1-5 and 7-31.

If there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, then the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following is a marked up version of the amended claims. Amend the following claims by adding the language that is underlined ("___") and by deleting the language that is enclosed within brackets ("[]"):

1. (Once Amended) An adjustable light fixture comprising:
a housing with an external surface and an interior compartment;
a reflector assembly rotatably attached to the housing within the interior compartment of the housing; and
an adjustment mechanism that is operable from the external surface of the housing to cause movement of the reflector relative to the housing.

15. (Once Amended) A method of adjusting a reflector assembly, the method comprising:
providing a housing having an external surface and an interior compartment;
providing a reflector assembly rotatably attached to the housing within the interior compartment of the housing;
providing an adjustment mechanism that is operable from the external surface of the housing to move the reflector assembly within the interior compartment of the housing; and
adjusting the adjustment mechanism to move the reflector assembly.

16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein [the reflector assembly is attached to the housing,] the adjustment mechanism is attached to the reflector assembly, and adjusting the adjustment mechanism moves the reflector assembly relative to the housing.

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